

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SEPTEMBER 17, 2007
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: Julie M. Hannum, Chairman
James T. Collingwood Sr., Clerk
David D. Macy

Other Staff Present: Joseph A. Kellogg, Interim Town Administrator
Rhonda LaBombard, Assistant Town Administrator

Chairman Hannum called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Selectman Collingwood moved to approve the minutes for September 4, 2007, seconded by Selectman Macy. The motion carried unanimously.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SERACH:

Chairman Hannum stated that a search committee would review the applications for the Town Administrator position. The committee members will be the Board of Selectmen, Assistant Administrator LaBombard and David Smith Jr. from the Finance Committee. A working meeting will be scheduled in early October to review the applications.

MASTER PLAN IAC UPDATE:

Chairman Hannum gave an update on the Housing Committee and provided copies of their recommendations for the Board of Selectmen to review and discuss at their next meeting.

APPOINTMENT UPDATE:

A list of vacancies has been posted on the Town Website and published in the Berkshire Eagle as a press release in today's edition. Chairman Hannum read the list of vacancies and the following list of applicants to date:

Paul O'Brien – Broadband Access Committee

David Reed – Cultural Council

Anne Dunn – Cultural Council

Trudy Weaver Miller – Cultural Council

Vito Valentini – Parks and Recreation Committee

Anyone interested in filling any of the vacancies should submit a letter of interest to the Selectmen's office. The complete list will be read on October 1, 2007 and the appointments will be made on October 15, 2007.

SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:

Selectman Macy stated that Chairman Hannum and Administrator Kellogg did an outstanding job at hosting a Town table at Sheffield in Celebration.

Chairman Hannum discussed her conversation with Sharon Ferry of Berkshire Connect regarding broadband service. The Town is in the process of forming a Broadband Access Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Vito Valentini inquired about the location of a casino in Western Mass. Administrator Kellogg stated the proposed location for the casino is in Palmer, which is Exit 8 off the Mass Turnpike.

OTHER BUSINESS:

An application was received today from Dennis Sears for a temporary roadside event sign for a Silent Auction to be held on October 6, 2007 at Christ Church. The sign will be erected on September 27, 2007 and removed October 7, 2007. Selectman Macy moved to approve the sign pending approval from the Police Department, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Macy moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hannum adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda LaBombard
Assistant Town Administrator